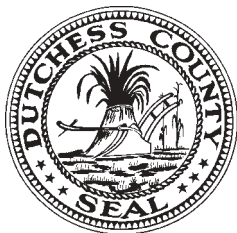


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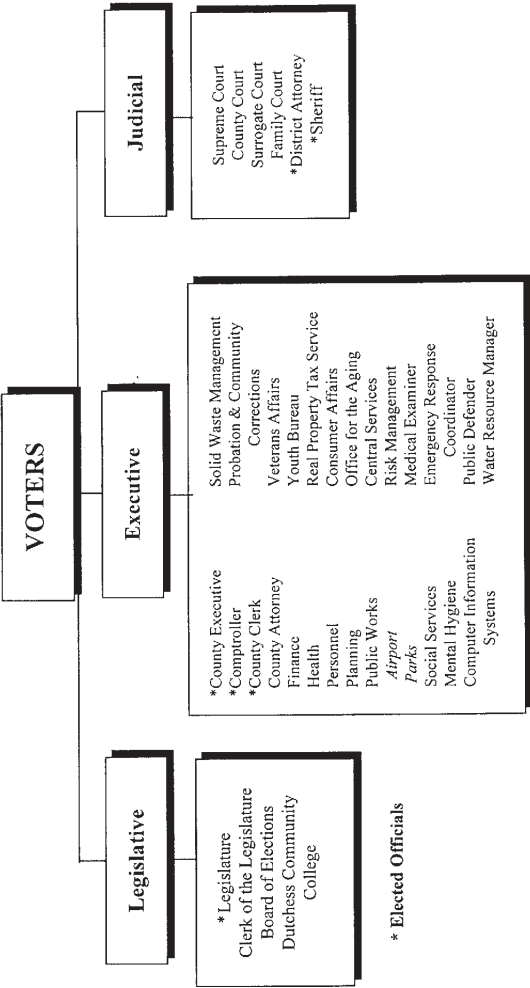
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THE GOVERNMENT OF DUTCHESS COUNTY



FORWARD

During the early years of our nation's history, every citizen of intelligence and culture considered it his duty to take an active interest and part in his government. Service in public office was considered a duty and privilege. Today's trend appears to be to let government go its own way.

Believing that local government is each citizen's business, the county legislature has prepared this publication of historical sketches of your county, cities, towns, and villages to help increase your interest in and knowledge of local government. It is the hope of the legislature that this directory and accompanying historical data will create an added interest in the county of Dutchess.

This directory has been compiled carefully from the best available sources of information, and it is believed to be correct at the date of publication. It is subject to changes which occur from time to time through death, resignation, or removal, and the election or the appointment to fill such vacancies.

SHORT HISTORY OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT IN DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK

The Dutchess County tercentenary in 1983 celebrated 300 years of representative democracy in the province of New York. The seeds of local government were planted in Dutchess County in 1683 when county borders were first delineated. The seat of government has resided for almost all of those 300 years in the core area of Poughkeepsie. However, the form which government currently takes is far different than that which gave it life.

Although Dutchess was created by an act of the Colonial Assembly on November 1, 1763, its model comes from an early English prototype. Shires or earldoms dating to the 5th Century A.D. had a sheriff (shire-reeve) with judiciary and taxing powers within the districts.

The word "county" derives from the French word "comte" translating to "count", the English equivalent of earl, and evolves from the period of the Norman conquest of England around 1066.

Present county government, as does state, federal, and town, has three branches: legislative, executive, and judicial. The legislative branch is comprised of a county legislature of 35 members, representing an equal number of districts. These representatives levy taxes, make appropriations, and adopt local laws subject to executive approval.

A county executive, elected for a four-year term, has the responsibility for the day-to-day administration of the county. The chief executive appoints department heads and other executive officers, subject to confirmation by the County Legislature. The County Executive is the chief budgetary officer and has veto power over legislation.

The judicial branch includes all courts, juries, and the commissioner of jurors. The district attorney, the sheriff, and the surrogate, as elected officials, are part of this branch.

Other elected officials include the comptroller, who is responsible for accounting and auditing county finances, and the county clerk who is the official recordkeeper of the county.

What is now Dutchess County was originally controlled by the Wappinger Indians. The earliest recorded views of Dutchess County are found in Robert Juet's 1609 account of Henry Hudson's voyage. The area was not settled by Europeans until the last decade of the 17th Century. Dutchess is unique in that representative democracy has been a birthright of Dutchess County citizens from even before the first European settlers arrived.

When Nieuw Amsterdam controlled the area, colonists were, in effect, employees of the Dutch West India Company. They enjoyed few rights, not even those which would have been theirs as citizens of the Netherlands had they remained in Europe. When the British took over in 1664, there was hope that British law would be extended to the new colony. This was not to be so for nineteen years.

Only after great pressure from residents (petitions and the withholding of taxes), did the English monarchy finally accede to their wishes.

When Thomas Dongan, the Colonial Governor of New York, was sent in August of 1683, he came with instructions from his proprietor, James Stuart, Duke of York, and his King, Charles II, James' brother, to establish borders for counties, and the province as a whole, to draw agreements with the Indians, to create a representative body which would work with

the governor to develop laws by which the province could be governed. Underscoring all this, was the need to placate the freeholders (landowners), who objected strenuously to paying taxes without having any decision-making powers. Messages were sent to the freeholders by sheriffs in the province to send representatives to New York City. Elections were held by voice vote.

Eighteen were chosen. Seventeen eventually appeared at the Assembly.

As a result of these instructions, the first General Assembly in the history of New York was called on October 17th at Fort James in New York City. The body of law that they created has been a model for representative government in our country for federal, state, and local government ever since.

A Charter of Liberties and Privileges was published on October 30th, which included among its provisions, no taxation without representation, no quartering of troops except in time of war, an elected general assembly whose decisions took precedence over king and parliament, freedom of conscience in matters of religion, and trial by a jury of peers.

On November 1, 1683, the borders of twelve counties were delineated: Albany, Kings, Queens, Dutchess, New York, Orange, Richmond, Suffolk, Ulster, Westchester, Dukes and Cornwall, which are now part of Massachusetts and Maine respectively.

Dutchess' borders were "to be from the Bounds of Westchester on the south side of the highlands along with east side of Hudson's River as far as Roelof Jansen's Creek and Eastward into the woods twenty miles." It included part of modern-day Columbia and all of Putnam Counties.

The county was named to honor Maria Beatrice D'Este of Modena, an Italian Catholic princess and the second wife of James Stuart, Duke of York. She was to become eventually, but briefly, Queen Mary, when her husband ascended to the British throne as James II following the death of his brother Charles I. The "t" in Dutchess reflects the spelling at the time of her title, and has naught to do with the Dutch.

Although the Charter of Liberties was vetoed by the King when it finally reached London, its provisions were a part of our tradition and heritage. It is also important to note that Dutchess County citizens have pressed for the right to govern themselves consistently through the centuries, despite numerous changes in administration and boundaries. Although no freeholders inhabited our county in 1683, we had already made provision for a sheriff and a county treasurer.

One of the essential reasons for creating the counties was, as stated in the Colonial Laws of New York 1664, “revolution - the improvement of administration and the judicial system.” In 1684, the Court of Oyer and Terminer (to hear and determine) was created, and, in 1692, the Court of Common Pleas was added by the Assembly, both of which were to be presided over by a county judge.

Until 1713, Dutchess had so few citizens that it was administered from Ulster. Tradition holds that the VanKleeck House, formerly on lower Mill Street in Poughkeepsie, was the informal site of early community decision making.

In 1703, the Colonial Assembly passed a law directing counties to elect supervisors as representatives from towns or precincts to that body.

In 1714, we elected our first supervisor, a treasurer, and also a tax collector. In 1717, our first courthouse was erected on the same spot it occupies today on Main Street, which was then the King’s Highway. It contained a court and a jail cell. Even then, presumably, there were those who could not abide by community standards. In that same year, Dutchess gained a courthouse and lost a northern portion of the county, Germantown, to Albany County.

In 1719, the Colonial Assembly divided Dutchess into three districts, south, middle, and north. Boundaries continued to change over the centuries. Settlement of the Oblong Dispute in 1731 added several square miles along our eastern border with Connecticut. In 1737, seven precincts were delineated: Rhinebeck, North, Crum Elbow, Poughkeepsie, Rombout, and South. That same body of law provided for supervisors who would represent each precinct on a county board of supervisors. In effect, they were executive officers of their respective precincts and representatives to the county. The position of a clerk to serve this board was also created.

In 1746, we got a new courthouse when the original one burned. This was to happen again in 1785 and 1806. Remarkably, a great many of our early records have been saved despite these tragedies.

The present courthouse was constructed after the 1902 Board of Supervisors’ decision to raze it and replace it with a more commodious structure.

The period from 1777 through the 1780’s was a particularly exciting time for this center of government. Poughkeepsie

was the capital of New York. Governor Clinton was in residence, and in 1788, the debates over the ratification of the Constitution took place in the third courthouse. It was approved by a narrow margin only when provision was made for a bill of rights, the same guarantees of freedom which the Charter of Liberties of 1683 declared.

In 1788, the creation of the nine original townships of Dutchess County were made by the General Organization Act of New York State. These included Rhinebeck, Northeast, Clinton, Washington, Amenia, Poughkeepsie, Fishkill, Beekman, and Pawling.

Throughout the years, gradual changes have produced the form of government which we support today.

Until 1966, we operated under the Board of Supervisors, in much the same way as we had from 1703. In that year, a most substantial change took place in compliance with U.S. Supreme Court ruling requiring reapportionment according to population. A county Board of Representatives, separate from town government, would represent 37 new voting districts.

In 1968, after a complete revision of the County Charter, a new form of county government was created. David Schoenntag, the first elected County Executive, was sworn in that year along with 37 members of the first Board of Representatives.

Certainly not the final, but one of the latest changes came only in 1975, when the name of the governing body was changed to the County Legislature and its members then became county legislators.

A county seal featuring a sheaf of wheat, a plow, and cornstalks, adopted in 1847, is both a legal instrument of government and a symbol of the rural and beautiful land in which we live.

We have now grown to twenty towns, two cities, and several villages and hamlets with a population of more than 280,150 - an evolving community moving into the 21st century.

We may expect further change in a healthy society, but if we return in one hundred years, it would not be surprising to find representative county government alive and well, still in the heart of downtown Poughkeepsie.

Joyce Ghee, Former Dutchess County Historian

Further Reading:

Biennial Fact Book 1982 - 83 Edition "Dutchess County."
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Historians' Book, Tercentenary Edition, published by Dutch-
ess County Department of History, 1984.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS

Legislative

The County Legislature is the legislative branch of county government. It is composed of 25 members representing 25 districts, meeting on the second Monday of each month.

It has the power to levy taxes, adopt the county budget, make appropriations, and adopt local laws subject to approval by the county executive. It has standing committees composed of its members, as well as advisory committees and boards with citizen participation.

The chairman of the County Legislature is elected annually from and by the membership.

The clerk of the County Legislature is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Legislature. The duties of this office include preparation of legislative meeting minutes and assistance to the chairman in planning and conducting legislative and committee meetings.

The Board of Elections, headed by two election commissioners (one Republican and one Democrat) supervises primary, special, and general elections and all matters pertaining to elections and voter registration.

Dutchess Community College is administered by the County Legislature and the Board of Trustees of the College. The 130-acre campus is located on Pendell Road in the Town of Poughkeepsie. Its 1994 enrollment consisted of 3,040 full-time students and 3,703 part-time students.

The College provides a two-year program in liberal arts and science and engineering, both of which are preparation for transfer to four-year collegiate technical programs that prepare graduates for various types of technical and semi-professional positions in industry, business, government, and health services. Dutchess Community College is a member of and accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and

Secondary Schools. Its curricula are registered and approved by the New York State Department of Education. The college awards the Associate of Arts (A.A.), the Associate of Science (A.S.), and the Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) as established by the Board of Regents of the University of New York.

Executive

The County Executive, chief executive and administrative officer of the county, is elected for a four-year term. Among his duties are the appointment of department heads and other executive officers of the county government (subject to confirmation by the County Legislature), and the supervision of departmental administration. He is the chief budgetary officer and exercises a veto power over legislation which can be overridden only by a two-thirds vote of the Legislature. The County Executive's office is also responsible for central purchasing and personnel management.

The County Attorney, appointed by The County Executive, is the legal advisor for the county.

He prepares necessary legal papers and prosecutes or defends all civil proceedings involving the county.

The Comptroller, an elected official, is the chief accounting and auditing officer of the county.

The County Clerk, elected for a four-year term, is the official registrar of the county. His office contains records of real estate transactions and other documents which must, by law, be preserved. He also heads the county Motor Vehicle Bureau.

The Commissioner of Finance is the chief fiscal officer of the county. He is the receiver of county taxes and presently responsible for the county's finances.

The Commissioner of Health is the director of the health district of the entire county. The department is responsible for health services in two areas: environmental health, enforced through the Sanitary Code; and physical health, which includes education, home care, and treatment clinics.

The Commissioner of Personnel performs the duties and exercises the powers of a municipal Civil Service Commission including recruitment, employment, and testing.

The Commissioner of Planning and development is responsible for preparation of a comprehensive plan for orderly de-

velopment for the county and for providing information and technical services to local planning boards.

The Commissioner of Public Works is responsible for construction and maintenance of all county buildings and highways. He also oversees operations of the Dutchess County Airport and parks located in the County.

The Commissioner of Social Services, as an agent of the federal and state governments, administers programs for the needy, including old-age assistance, aid to dependent children, aid to the disabled and blind, home relief, Medicaid, and child welfare

The Office for the Aging is devoted to planning, coordinating, and implementing services for senior citizens, advocating for their needs, and providing information and referral.

The Solid Waste Management Department assists town governments in reducing environmental and cost factors in disposal operations through multi-town facilities. In addition to upgrading sanitary landfills, the department maintains a system for resource recovery through recycling and the recovery of heat energy present in refuse.

The Office of Computer Information Systems, under the supervision of the county executive, provides data processing and informational services to all departments and branches of county government to assist them in the management and control of services and expenditures.

The Director of Real Property Tax Service is responsible for the tax maps and their maintenance. He is the recorder of real property transfers. His office maintains the tax assessment rolls for all taxing jurisdiction in the county and is responsible for the extension of taxes for county, towns, and special districts. He assists the record keeping of county property taken for taxes and in the disposition of sale of the same.

Judicial

The Judicial branch includes all courts, grand and trial juries, district attorney, sheriff, and commissioner of jurors. The Supreme Court is organized on a district basis with Dutchess in the Ninth Judicial District. The Supreme Court has general jurisdiction in law equity. It also has concurrent jurisdiction with County Court on all criminal matters.

Two County Court judges handle criminal and civil cases under their jurisdiction. The three family court judges preside over family court.

The Surrogate Court was created in 1778 by New York State. The surrogate is elected for a six-year term. He handles all estate matters, wills, and has general supervision of property left by deceased persons.

The Sheriff is the county's chief law enforcement official. He is elected for a four-year term and serves in both a criminal and civil capacity, apprehending law violators, preserving the peace, and serving civil papers.

The Commissioner of Jurors is appointed for a four-year term. He maintains the central jury system for the county, providing trial and grand jurors for all courts serving the county.

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April 7	April 11
May 5	May 9
June 9	June 15
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August 4	August 8
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October 6	October 11
November 10	November 14
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December 1	December 6
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Councilman	Roger Russell-D
Councilman	James Devine-R
Assessor	Ronald Gazzoli-D
Superintendent of Highways	Stanley Whitehead
Tax Collector	Julia Bouffard

Origin of name: Derived from the Latin word “amoena,” which means “pleasing to the eye.” Dr. Thomas Young, a settler, gave the town its name.

Amenia Township, population 4,040 and seventh in area (41.10 sq. miles) is situated in the northeastern part of the county. It is bounded on the north by North East, on the south by Dover, on the east by the Connecticut State Line, and on the west by Washington and Stanford. Part of the original Nine Partners Patent and part of Oblong, it later was known as Crum Elbow and then Charlotte. It was established as a town in 1823. It has six unincorporated hamlets: Amenias, Wassaic, Amenias Union, South Amenias, and Leedsville. Dairy farming is a major industry. Biggest streams are Ten Mile River and Wassaic Creek.

Amenias Town Board meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Total miles of highways: 71.69, Town, 32.00, County, 22.77, State, 17.82. Railroads: Metro North in Wassaic, NY.

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Councilwoman	Barbara Zulauf-R
Councilman/woman	Daniel French-D
Assessor	Jon Barrett
Supt. of Highways	David Temple-R
Receiver of Taxes	Judith A. Crawford-R

Origin of name: Took its name from Colonel Henry Beekman, a land baron.

Beekman Township, population 13,655 and 18th in area (30.00 sq. miles) is situated in the southern part of the county. It is bounded on the north by Union Vale, on the east by Dover and Pawling Townships, and on the west by East Fishkill and LaGrange. Named in honor of Colonel Henry Beekman, it became a precinct in 1737, was divided into Beekman and Pawling Precincts in 1769, and it became one of the county's original towns March 7, 1788. LaGrange and Union Vale were formed from it later. Unincorporated villages are: Poughquag, Green Haven (site of Green Haven Correctional Facility), Clove Valley, and Beekmanville. Farming is the major industry.

Beekman Town Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Total miles of highways: 84.50, Town 60.90, County 14.49, State 9.11. Railroad: None

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Councilman Frank Venezia-R
Assessor Garth Slocum
Supt. of Highways Theron Tompkins-R
Tax Collector Patricia McDermott-R

Origin of name: Named after George Clinton, governor of New York during the Revolutionary War.

Clinton Township, population 4,010 and 11th place in area (37.60 sq. miles) is situated in the west central part of the county. It is bounded on the north by Rhinebeck and Milan, on the south by Pleasant Valley, on the east by Washington and Stanford, and on the west by Hyde Park. It was named in honor of Governor George Clinton when it was formed from part of Charlotte and Rhinebeck Precincts in 1786. It became a town in 1788 and was reduced in size on January 26, 1821, when Hyde Park and Pleasant Valley were formed from it. It contains four buildings on the National Register of Historic Places, one of which is Upton Lake Grange (constructed by Quakers in 1777 as the Creek Meeting House). Hamlets are: Clinton Corners, Clinton Hollow, Schultzville, Pleasant Plains, Hibernia, and Bullshead.

Clinton Town Board meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Total miles of highways: 101.43, Town 69.08, County 25.36, State 6.99. Railroad: None

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Councilwoman Kathryn Palmer-House-R
Assessor Judy Hyatt
Supt. of Highways William Kelly-R
Tax Collector Lisa Johnson-R

Origin of name: Richard Sackett, a settler, is said to have named it after his home in England.

Dover Township, population 8,565 and third in area (51.60 sq. miles) is situated in the southeastern part of the county in the Harlem Valley. It is bounded on the north by Amenia and Washington, on the south by Pawling, on the east by the Connecticut State Line, and on the west by Beekman and Union Vale. It was formed from Pawling on February 20, 1807. Its early settlers were Dutch. Unincorporated villages are: Dover Plains and Wingdale.

Dover Town Board meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Total miles of highways: 89.67, Town 52.52, County 23.32, State 13.83. Railroad: Metro-North Commuter.

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Tax Collector Barbara Dolan
Police Chief Brian Nichols

Origin of name: Fishkill is a combination of two Dutch words, 'vis,' meaning fish, and 'kill' meaning stream. East Fishkill split off as a separate town in 1849.

East Fishkill Township, population 27,000 and second in area (53.10 sq. miles) is situated in the southern part of the county. It is bounded on the north by LaGrange, on the south by Putnam County Line, on the east by Beekman, and on the west by Wappinger and Fishkill. Part of the original Rombout Patent, it was formed into a township from Fishkill on November 29, 1849. Stormville, one of the three unincorporated hamlets, was a campsite for Colonial troops during the Revolutionary War. Other unincorporated hamlets are: Hopewell Junction and Wiccopee.

East Fishkill Town Board meets on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm.

Total miles of highways: 211.60, Town 179.67, County 17.32, State 45.40. Railroad: None.

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Councilman	Steve V. Ferguson-R
Councilman	Ron Leenig-R
Assessor	Paula Sarvis
Supt. of Highways	Glenn Scofield
Receiver of Taxes	James A. Foy
Police Chief	Donald Williams

Origin of name: A combination of two Dutch words, ‘vis,’ meaning fish, and ‘kill’ meaning stream.

Fishkill Township population 17,993 and 16th in area (35.36 sq. miles) is situated in the southwestern part of the county. It is bounded on the north by Wappinger, on the south by the Putnam County Line, on the east by East Fishkill, and on the west by the Hudson River. Formed as one of the original towns in 1788 from Rombout Precinct, the town is rich in Revolutionary War history. Mount Beacon was used for signal fires by Colonial troops and Lafayette fell ill here while visiting General George Washington. There is a burial ground for Continental troops two miles south of Fishkill village near the site of a large depot. Fishkill is an incorporated village. Unincorporated villages are: Glenham, Brinckerhoff, and Dutchess Junction. Part of Fishkill Correctional Facility, as well as the Downstate Corrections Facility, is in the township. Texaco, Inc., maintains its principal laboratory at Glenham.

Fishkill Town Board meets on the first Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. and third Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. of each month.

Total miles of highways: 77.52, Town 48.93, County 5.15, State 23.44. Railroad: None.

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Tax Collector Judith O'Hara
Police Chief James McKenna

Origin of name: Named after Sir Edward Hyde, an English colonial governor.

Hyde Park Township, population 20,851 and 12th in area (37.40 sq. miles) is situated in the west central part of the county and became a first-class town on January 1, 1962. It is bounded on the north by Rhinebeck, on the south by the Town of Poughkeepsie, on the east by Clinton and Pleasant Valley, and on the west by the Hudson River. It was formed as a town on January 26, 1821, from Clinton. The town derives its name from Sir Edward Hyde, an English governor. President Franklin D. Roosevelt lived and is buried here, and his home, along with the Vanderbilt Mansion and Park, is a national historic site. It contains the Ogden Mills State Historic Site and Norrie Point. Staatsburg Golf Course is the second oldest in America.

The Hyde Park Town Board meets on the fourth Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

Total miles of highways: 135.00, Town 92.00, County 20.88, State 21.15.

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Supt. of Highways Michael Kelly
Tax Collector Jane Sullivan

Origin of name: First named Freedom in 1821. The name changed in 1829 in honor of the home of Marquis De Lafayette, who toured here in 1824.

LaGrange Township population 14,928 and ninth in area (40.80 sq. miles) is situated in the southwestern part of the county. It is bounded on the north by Pleasant Valley, on the south by Wappinger, on the east Union Vale, and on the west by the Town of Poughkeepsie. It is the site of Baird Park and the Taconic State Park Commission Recreation Center. It has five unincorporated villages: Billings, LaGrangeville, Titusville, Arthursburg, and Freedom Plains.

The LaGrange Town Board meets on the second and fourth Wednesday evening of the month at 8:00 p.m.

Total miles of highways: 109.31, Town 107.90, County 23.09, State 21.68. Railroad: None.

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Councilwoman Pauline Clark-D
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Assessor Scott Hobson
Assessor Elizabeth R. Burns
Supt. of Highways Glenn Butler-R
Tax Collector Pamela Johnson

Milan Township population, 2,356 and 14th in area (36.1 sq. miles) is in the northern part of the county. It is bounded on the north by the Columbia County line, on the south by Clinton and Stanford, on the east by Pine Plains, and on the west by Rhinebeck and Red Hook. It was formed as a township on March 6, 1818, from North East which was formed as a County Precinct in 1746. It is a rural township with agriculture as its principal industry. Unincorporated hamlets are: Rock City, Lafayetteville, and Jackson Corners.

The Milan Town Board meets on the second Monday of the month 7:00 p.m.

Total miles of highways: 88.56, Town 51.98, County 23.24, State 13.65. Railroad: None.

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Councilman	Daniel Briggs-N
Councilman	Carl Stahovec-R
Assessor	Jon Barrett
Supt. of Highways	Robert Stevens
Tax Collector	Patricia Boice

Origin of name: Because it forms the northeastern corner of Dutchess.

North East Township, population 2,077 and sixth in area(43.92 sq. miles) lies in the extreme northeastern part of the county. It is bounded on the north by the Columbia County Line and Massachusetts State Line, on the east by Connecticut, on the south by Amenia, and on the west by Pine Plains and Stanford. Formed as North East Precinct in 1746, it became one of the original towns in 1788 and was enlarged with part of Amenia in 1823. Its Boston Corners was once an independent land, free of all jurisdiction. It was famous for lead mines during and after the Revolutionary War. It has one incorporated village: Millerton and three hamlets: Shekomeko, North East, and Coleman Station.

The North East Town Board meets on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Total miles of highways: 79.16, Town 34.99, County 32.33, State 11.84. Railroad: None.

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Councilman Richard J. Hunt-R
Assessor Terrell A. Muller
Supt. of Highways Tyler K. Maile
Tax Collector Barbara Tyson
Chief Constable Brian Griffin
Town Attorney Charles E. Stewart III

Origin of name: Named after Colonel Henry Beekman's daughter, Catherine Pawling, also know as Widow Pawling.

Pawling Township, population 8,026 and fifth in area (48.10 sq. miles) is situated in the southeast corner of the county. It is bounded on the east by Connecticut, on the south by the Putnam County Line, on the west by Beekman, and on the north by Dover. Part of the original Beekman Patent, it was one of the original eight towns created in 1788, losing part of its area to Dover Township in 1807. Washington had his headquarters here and part of the Colonial Army was encamped on Quaker Hill. It was the site of the first Oblong Quaker Meeting House, which was built in 1742. The late Governor Dewey owned and operated a dairy farm in the township. Pawling Village was incorporated in 1893. Unincorporated communities are Holmes, Quaker Hill, and West Pawling.

The Pawling Town Board meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Total miles of highways: 86.79, Town 52.00, County 20.76, State 16.24.

Railroad: Metro-North Commuter

TOWN OF PINE PLAINS

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Councilwoman	Dorean Gardner-R
Councilman	Richard Butler-R
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Assessor	Herbert Kemp
Assessor	C. Rick Chapman
Supt. of Highways	Robert Harpp
Tax Collector	Linda Bartolomeo
Police Chief	Vacant
Building Inspector	Drew Weaver
Dog Warden	James Reilly

Origin of name: Supposedly derived its name from early deeds, which included descriptions of “the Pine Plains.”

Pine Plains Township, population 2,569 and 19th in area (29.80 sq. miles) is situated in the northern part of the county up against the Columbia County line. It is bounded on the east by North East, on the south by North East and Stanford, and on the west by Milan. In 1700, it was a hunting ground for the Shekomeko Indians, and in 1740, Moravians tried to convert the Indians to Christianity, forming their first American Indian congregation in 1742. It was formed as a township from part of North East in 1823. It was a famous Aberdeen Angus cattle breeding center and remains one of the last areas in the county that is engaged in extensive dairy farming. Unincorporated hamlets are: Pine Plains, Pulvers Corners, Bethel, Mt. Ross, and Hammertown.

The Pine Plains Town Board meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Total miles of highways: 63.14, Town 38.83, County 9.80, State 14.51. Railroad: None.

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Councilman Bruce Donegan-R
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Tax Collector Deborah Bjorkman

Origin of name: According to legend, settlers camping near the banks of the Wappinger Creek awoke one morning to see the sun glinting off the water and fish jumping. One settler remarked, "This is a pleasant valley."

Pleasant Valley Township, population 9,066 and 17th in area (32.20 sq. miles) lies in the west central part of the county. It consists of three Hamlet areas, Salt Point, Washington Hollow and is bounded on the north by Clinton, on the south by LaGrange, on the east by Poughkeepsie township and Hyde Park. Settled in part by Quakers, it was widely a Tory (British) meeting place as late as 1777. It was formed as a township from part of Clinton on January 26, 1821. Wappingers Creek flows through it providing excellent fishing, and for many years, its water was used for power in Pleasant Valley mills. Dairy and fruit farming are major industries.

The Pleasant Valley Town Board meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Total miles of highways: 92.49, Town 70.00, County 12.86, State 21.09. Railroad: None.

TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE

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Assessor Kathleen Taber
Supt. of Highways John E. Still
Receiver of Taxes Catherine A. Crane
Police Chief Peter Wilkinson

Origin of name: A north-south Indian trail along the eastern bank of the Hudson River intercepted a stream in what is now the Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery. This spot served as a resting place where mats of woven reeds were hung to form lodging. The Indians called the place Up-puqui-ipis-ing which means “reed-covered lodge by the little watering place.”

Poughkeepsie Township was the first, 1st-class town in Dutchess County. It is first in population (42,777) and 13th in area (36.68 sq. miles). It is bounded on the north by Hyde Park, on the east by Pleasant Valley and LaGrange, on the south by Wappinger, and on the west by the city of Poughkeepsie and the Hudson River. It became one of the county’s original towns on March 7, 1788. The city of Poughkeepsie was part of the town until 1854 when it became a city. Part of the village of Wappingers Falls is in the town of Poughkeepsie. Unincorporated communities are: Arlington, Fairview, Rochdale, New Hamburg, and Red Oaks Mill.

The Poughkeepsie Town Board meets on the first, second, and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Total miles of highways: 186.4, Town 139.1, County 9.7, State 25.6. Railroad: Metro-North Commuter; Amtrak.

TOWN OF RED HOOK

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Supervisor	Marirose Bump-D
Town Clerk	Margaret Doty-R
Town Justice	Roland Page-R
Town Justice	Richard Griffiths-R
Councilwoman	Sue Crane-R
Councilman	James Ross-R
Councilman	Harold Ramsey-R
Councilwoman	Jean Bordewich-D
Assessor	Richard Trotti
Supt. of Highways	Wayne Hildenbrand-R
Tax Collector	Margaret Doty

Origin of name: Henry Hudson and his crew reportedly found themselves off Cruger's Island when the "Haalve Moone" made its famous voyage in 1609. The hook-shaped island and the red foliage of the leaves combined to form the name.

Red Hook Township, population 10,480 and eighth in area (41.32 sq. miles) is situated in the northwest part of the county. It is bounded on the north by the Columbia County line, on the east by Milan, on the south by Rhinebeck, and on the west by the Hudson River. It contains many old homes including Rokeby, many famous river estates, and it is the site of Bard College and Montgomery Place. It was formed as a township on June 2, 1812, from Rhinebeck. Incorporated villages are: Red Hook and Tivoli. Unincorporated communities are: Madalin, Annandale, Barrytown, and Upper Red Hook. Fruit farming is a major industry.

The Red Hook Town Board meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

TOWN OF RHINEBECK

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Rhinebeck, NY 12572
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Supervisor Dennis J. McGuire-R
Town Clerk Barbara B. Cunningham-R
Town Justice William Sanchez-R
Town Justice John B. Kane, Jr.-R
Councilman Kenneth Tompkins-R
Councilman Paul Niedercorn-R
Councilman Herman Tietjen-R
Councilwoman Linda Souers-D
Assessor Emery Ruger
Assessor John J. O'Brien
Assessor Alexander D'Imperio
Supt. of Highways Eugene Trombini
Tax Collector Mildred R. Haskins

Origin of name: This area was first referred to as "Ryn Beck" by Judge Henry Beekman in 1713.

Rhinebeck Township, population 5,037 and 15th in area (35.90 sq. miles) is situated in the northwestern part of the county. It is bounded on the north by Red Hook, on the east by Milan and Clinton, on the south by Hyde Park, and on the west by the Hudson River. It was formed as a town on March 17, 1788, from Rhinebeck Precinct. It is the home of the Dutchess County Fair and the Beekman Arms, the oldest hotel in America. Rich in history and river estates, it is the home of the famous Astor family. Rhinebeck village is incorporated, and there is one unincorporated community: Rhinecliff.

The Rhinebeck Town Board meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Total miles of highways: 88.09, Town 55.47, County 13.66, State 20.38. Railroad: Amtrak

TOWN OF STANFORD
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Supervisor David Teter-R
Town Clerk Ritamary Bell-R
Town Justice Pasquale F. Valentino-R
Town Justice Frank Weber-R
Councilwoman Joyce M. Hadden-R
Councilman Neal Johnsen-R
Councilman Timothy Marriott-R
Councilman Dennis Pryzgoda-R
Sole Assessor Stephan Gotovich-R
Supt. of Highways Mark Burdick-R
Tax Collector Oliver Orton

Stanford Township, population 3,544 and fourth in area (50.10 sq. miles) is situated in the northeastern part of the county. It is bounded on the north by Milan and Pine Plains, on the east by North East and Amenia, on the south by Washington, and on the west by Clinton. Part of the Great Nine Partners tract, granted by the King in 1697, it was formed as a township from part of Washington on March 12, 1793. It is largely a rural area of dairy, horse and some fruit farming. Unincorporated Hamlets include: Stanfordville and Bangall.

The Stanford Town Board meets on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Total miles of highways: 100.92, Town 63.43, County 28.State 11.45. Railroad: None.

TOWN OF UNION VALE

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Supervisor Lisette Hitsman-R
Town Clerk Mary Lou DeForest-R
Town Justice Raymond Jurina, Jr.-R
Town Justice Paul Pancio-R
Councilman Thomas Farmer-R
Councilman John Welsh -R
Councilman Raymond Dezendorf-R
Councilman John T. O'Connor-R
Assessor Bernard Fountain
Supt. of Highways J. Peter DeForest
Tax Collector Edna Bonk

Origin of name: Named by an official act of the state legislature when it was created in 1827 from portions of Beekman and Freedom.

Union Vale Township, population 4,546 and tenth in area (38.10 sq. miles) is situated in the south central part of the county. It is bounded on the north by Washington, on the east by Dover, on the south by Beekman, and on the west by LaGrange. It was formed from parts of Beekman and Freedom, now LaGrange, on March 6, 1827. It has one of the county's oldest homes, the Nicholas Emigh Home. It is the site of the famed Clove Valley Rod and Gun Club, noted for hunting and fishing, and of Fountains at Millbrook Retirement Community, formerly Greer School, Sky Acres Airport, Links at Union Vale Golf Course, a 200 acre links-style golf course-18 holes. Unincorporated communities are: Clove, North Clove, and Verbank.

The Union Vale Town Board meets on the first and second Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm

Total miles of highways: 74.05, Town, 43.2, County, 28.89, State, 3.56. Railroad: None.

TOWN OF WAPPINGER

20 Middlebush Road

Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

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Supervisor Joseph Ruggiero-D
Town Clerk Gloria J. Morse-R
Town Justice Carl S. Wolfson-R
Town Justice Heather Kitchen-R
Councilman 1st Ward Robert Valdati-R
Councilman 2nd Ward Vincent Bettina-R
Councilwoman 3rd Ward Maureen McCarthy-D
Councilman 4th Ward Joseph Paoloni-D

Supt. of Highways Graham Foster

Tax Collector Patricia Maupin

Origin of name: Takes name from the Wappani Indians who called the area home.

Wappinger Township, population 26,274 and 20th in area (27.04 sq. miles) is situated in the southwestern part of the county. It is bounded on the north by the Town of Poughkeepsie and LaGrange, on the east by East Fishkill, on the south by Fishkill, and on the west by the Hudson River. It was formed as a township from part of Fishkill on March 20, 1875. It claims the distinction of having the first white settlement in Dutchess County at the mouth of the Wappingers Creek. Its name is derived from the Wappinger Indians who lived here. Wappingers Falls is an incorporated village. Unincorporated villages are: Chelsea and New Hackensack. It is the home of Castle Point Veterans Hospital and the Dutchess County Airport.

The Wappinger Town Board meets on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Total miles of highways: 118.66, Town 86.15, County 21.26, State 11.25.

Railroad: Metro-North Commuter.

TOWN OF WASHINGTON

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Millbrook, NY 12545

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Town Justice	Elizabeth Shequine-R
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Councilman	Michael E. Murphy-R
Councilman	David MacDonald-R
Councilman	Stephen Turletes-R
Assessor, Chairman	Alfred White
Assessor	Amedio Lalli
Assessor	R.W. Ciferri III
Supt. of Highways	Charles E. Race
Tax Collector	Mary Alex
Recreation Director	Warren McMillan
Zoning Administrator.....	James Tyger
Building Inspector	Thomas Fiore

Origin of name: In honor of George Washington, who had camped for a time on the town's western edge.

Washington Township, population 3,313 and largest in area (61.47 sq. miles) is situated in the north central part of the county. It is bounded on the north by Stanford, on the east by Amenia, on the south by Union Vale, and on the West by Clinton and Pleasant Valley. It was part of the Great Nine Partners patent and later of Charlotte Precinct. It was formed as a town on March 7, 1788, and reduced in size in 1793 when Stanford was taken from it. It is the site of the County Infirmary. It has many large estates and is an Aberdeen Angus cattle breeding center. Millbrook is an incorporated village. Unincorporated communities are: Oak Summitt, South Millbrook, Lithgow, Little Rest, Washington Hollow, and Mabbettsville.

The Washington Town Board meets on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Total miles of highways: 107.22, Town 64.21, County 18.57, State 24.44. Railroad: None.

CITY OF BEACON

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Councilwoman 2nd Ward	Eleanor Thompson-D
Councilman 3rd Ward	Samuel L. Way-R
Councilman 4th Ward	Michael Fasano-I
City Attorney	Gerard J. Pisanelli
City Judge	Timothy G. Pagones
City Administrator	Joseph H. Braun
Superintendent of Highways	Robert Riley
Tax Collector	Carla P. Eylers
Tax Account Clerk	Jennifer Breese
Chief of Police	Richard Sassi
Building Inspector	Timothy Dexter
Fire Chief	Dennis P. Lahey
Supt. of Schools	Vito DiCesare
City Clerk.....	Carla P. Eylers

Beacon became a city in 1913 being formed by joining villages of Fishkill Landing and Matteawan in the town of Fishkill. Both of these villages were historic communities dating back to early colonial days. The city derived its name from the historic beacon fires atop the Fishkill mountains during the American Revolution to warn the Revolutionary Army of the movements of the British forces. The land comprising the city of Beacon was part of the Rombout patent, dated October 17, 1685.

The City of Beacon is situated on the east bank of the Hudson River, approximately 59 miles north of New York City. The population is 14,810 and the city comprises an area of about five square miles. The Mayor's term is four years and Council terms are two years. An expanded council includes two at-large and one for each of the city's four wards. The city administrator is an appointed position. Among its industrial plants are: Tallix, Inc., Chemprene, Dorel Hat Co., Metric Systems International, Ltd, Mechtronics, Nortrax Equipment Co., and Beacon Glass Works, Inc. In 2003, the world renowned Dia Center for the Arts opened in Beacon. Dennings Point, in Beacon, will be the site of the The Rivers and a Estuaries Research Center. The Beacon City Council meets on the first and third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Railroads:

Metro-North Commuter.

CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE

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City Judge Ronald J. McGaw
City Judge John Garrity
City Chamberlain Felicia Santos
Commissioner of Finance James Wojtowicz
Corporation Counsel Stephen Wing
Commissioner of
Public Works Stephen Miko
City Engineer Richard DuPilk
Development Director Ed Murphy
Building Inspector &
Zoning Administrator Robert Smith
Tax Collector Kimberly Nissen-Foley
Assessor Deborah Whitton
Chief of Police Ronald Knapp
PURA Real Estate Consultant Ralph P. Cautela
Fire Chief Kenneth Boyd

TOWN COUNCIL:

First Ward Frank M. Mora-R
Second Ward John Lawrence-D
Third Ward John C. Tkazyik-R
Fourth Ward Rita McNiff-R
Fifth Ward Penny Lewis-D
Sixth Ward Steven Horning.-R
Seventh Ward Arnold Baratta Sr.-R
Eighth Ward Gary Bashor-R

Population: 29,871

Originally a part of the town of Poughkeepsie, it became a village on March 27, 1799, governed by “five discreet freeholders” as trustees, and it obtained its charter from the Legislature on March 28, 1854.

Poughkeepsie was the state capital in 1777 after Kingston was burned by the British, and the State Convention was held here at which the Federal Constitution was ratified on July 26, 1788. The Poughkeepsie City Council meets two Monday’s per month at 6:30 p.m.

VILLAGE OF FISHKILL

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Mayor James Miccio
Clerk Angela Arasin
Treasurer - Assessor - Tax Collector Shirley Foshay
Village Justice Michael Martin
Village Attorney Greg Supple

Trustees: Rafael Delgado, Jamie McNiff,
Thomas Walters, Steve LaDue

Population: 1,735

Board meets 1st & 2nd Mondays of the month at 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE OF MILLBROOK

Village Hall, 35 Merritt Avenue
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Mayor Donald Briggs
Clerk-Treasurer - Tax Collector Karen P. McLaughlin
Village Justice Louis M. Prisco
Village Attorney Richard J. Olson
Deputy Mayor Andrew Ciferri

Trustees: Brian Hicks, Andrew Ciferri, Robert King,
Katherine Manzi-Doro

Population: 1,429

Board meets 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

VILLAGE OF MILLERTON

Village Hall, 21 Dutchess Avenue
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Mayor Michael Cawley
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Clerk-Treasurer-Tax Collector Patricia J. Millius
Deputy Clerk Cynthia Shea
Village Attorney Kevin Thiemann

Trustees: John Heck, Raymond Nelson, John Scutieri,
Jacob Shoifet

Population: 925

Board meets 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

VILLAGE OF PAWLING

Village Hall, 9 Memorial Avenue, Pawling, NY 12564

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Mayor Robert Liffland
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Treasurer - Tax Collector Johanna Costello
Village Justice Robert Apple
Village Attorney Daniels & Porco LLP

Trustees: Allen Rundall, Carol Reynolds, Tracy Durkin,
Wayne Osborn

Population: 2,233

Board meets 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

VILLAGE OF REDHOOK

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Clerk - Treasurer - Tax Collector Cynthia Cole
Court Justice Richard Griffith
Village Attorney Jeff Martin

Trustees: David Seymour, Jack Gilfeather, Vacant,
Timothy Thayer

Population: 1,805

Board meets 1st Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE OF RHINEBECK

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Court Justice William Sanchez
Village Attorney Robert F. Winne

Trustees: Svend Beecher, Scott Cruikshank,
Vacant, Kevin Rheden

Population: 3,077

Board meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

VILLAGE OF TIVOLI

Watt's dePeyster Hall

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Deputy Mayor Thomas Cordier
Clerk - Tax Collector Carrie A. Ramsey
Executive Assistant Ann B. Rush
Treasurer Susan B. Davis
Justice Howard Clark
Attorney Christine Chale
Assessor Richard Klein
Supt. Of Highways James Simmons

Trustees: Patricia Hogan, Bryan Cranna, Anthony Staffiero,
Thomas Cordier

Population: 1,163

Board meets 3rd. Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS

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Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

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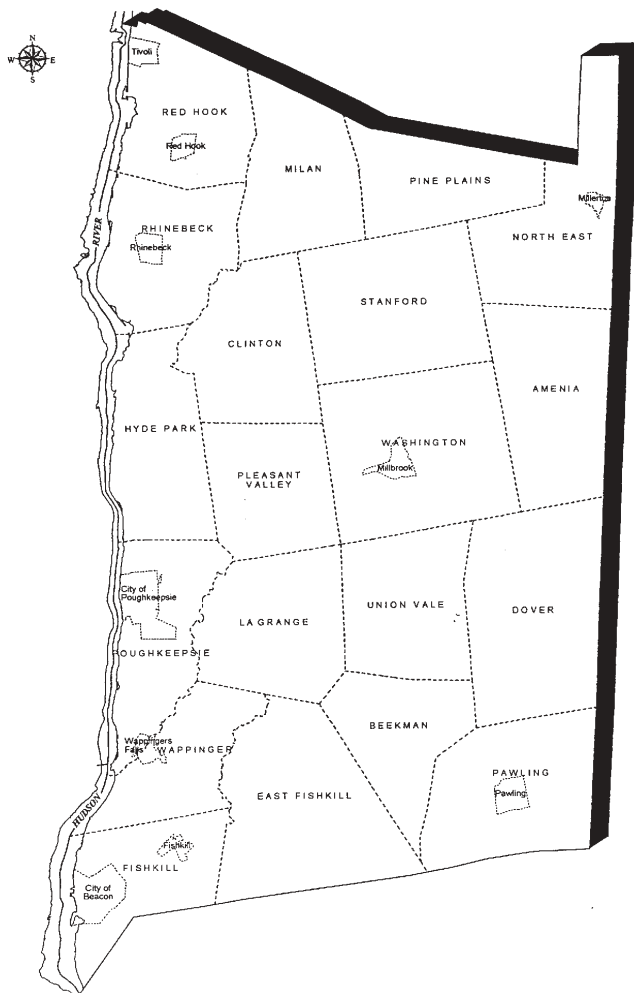
Mayor Calvin M. Lawrence
Deputy Mayor Al Weitlich
Clerk John M. Karge
Treasurer - Tax Collector Johna Eisgruber
Village Justice Raymond C. Chase
Village Attorney Louis Viglotti

Trustees: Richard Cerino, John Chase, Janice Hilderbrand,
Robert Marshall, John Visentin, Al Weitlich

Population: 4,929

Board meets 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

MAP OF DUTCHESS COUNTY



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